

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
BUTTE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RHONDA LEE MUELLER,

Defendants.

CR 20-08-BU-DLC

ORDER

United States Magistrate Judge Kathleen L. DeSoto entered Findings and Recommendations in this matter on August 13, 2020. (Doc. 23.) Neither party objects, and so the Court will review for clear error. *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003); *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985). Clear error exists if the Court is left with a “definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed.” *United States v. Syrax*, 235 F.3d 422, 427 (9th Cir. 2000) (citations omitted).

Judge DeSoto recommended this Court accept Rhonda Lee Mueller’s guilty plea after Mueller appeared before her pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11, and entered a plea of guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute Fentanyl in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and 18 U.S.C. § 2, as set forth in the Indictment.

The Court finds no clear error in Judge DeSoto's Findings and Recommendation, and adopts them in full, including the recommendation to defer acceptance of the Plea Agreement until sentencing when the Court will have reviewed the Plea Agreement and Presentence Investigation Report. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the Findings and Recommendations is ADOPTED in full. Mueller's motion to change plea (Doc. 15) is GRANTED and Mueller is adjudged guilty as charged in Count I of the Indictment.

DATED this 28th day of August, 2020.



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Dana L. Christensen, District Judge  
United States District Court